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SG ELECTIONS

Students First dominates SG

Candidates capture wins in all but one category

By Anjali Athavaley

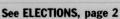
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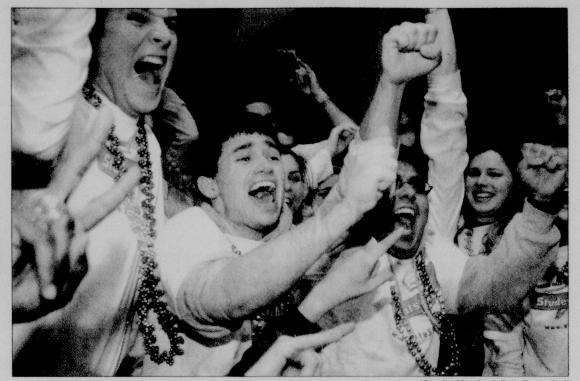
Students First candidates captured victories in all but one category for Student Government elections in a near sweep of the SG assembly.

Rebecca Emmons, candidate for architectural representative, emerged as Envision's sole winner in the assembly by one vote over Students First candidate Alex Miller.

Members of the Election Supervisory Board said they were shocked by Students First's landslide victory when they received the results after voting procedures concluded at 5

p.m. on Thursday. "In the past four years I've been here, I have never seen a sweep like this," said Clay Bradley, an ESB member.





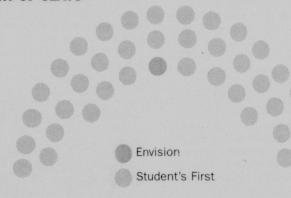
Students First President-elect Brian Haley, Vice President-elect Sly Majid and members of the SF party rejoice after the election results revealed their victory Thursday evening.

VOTER TURNOUT 50,000 40,000 30,000 20,000 10,000 2001

Kevin Kushner

VIEW OF SEATS

Total Student Population



Voter Turnout

SG ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the results of the 2003 Student Government election, as reported by the Election Supervisory Board.

(E) Envision (SF) Students First (TSG) Topple Student Government (CDF) Cyborgs Don't Feel Pain (SGB) Student Governmenthood of Buh * Denotes winner

President	
Jon Mureen (E)	32.43%
Brian Haley (SF) *	50.00%
Daniel Fernandez (TSG)	13.63%
Josh Hugs (CDF)	1.46%
Mike Behrman (SGB)	2.45%
Vice President	

35.52% Bryan Pravda (E) Sly Majid (SF) * 56.62% Zac Youngblood (SGB) 7.85%

The Daily Texan Editor 100.00% Kevin Kushner *

One-Year, at-Large Representative		
Leah Trilli (E)	31.41%	
Brooke Ginsburg (E)	35.47%	
Kevin Shtofman (E)	30.77%	
Michael Alexander (E)	31.48%	
Sarah Shulkin (SF) *	52.42%	
Nikki Starr (SF) *	52.39%	
Meg Merritt (SF) *	52.73%	
Jorie Mosty (SF) *	45.35%	
Tim Sookram (SGB)	10.85%	
Lisa Quinn (SGB)	12.29%	
Tom LaGatta (SGB)	10.77%	

Two-Year, at-Large Representative Rianna Berkowitz (E)

32.51% Ketan Patel (E) 37.57% Lindsay Lewis (E) Adam Steele (E) 30.16% Brent Chaney (SF) * 53.96% Patrick George (SF) * 52.51% Jordan Buckley (SF) * 53.46% Michela Palmieri (SF) * 47.09% Josh Krivoshein (SGB) 12.86%

Two-Year, at-Large with One-Year Representative

Colin McConnell (E) 39.69% Larry James Erwin (SF)* 60.30%

Texas Union Board of Directors Kelly Walne (E) 31.65% Matt Brollier (SF) * 52.32% Derek Deas (SF) * 53.91%

Wendy Wheless (The Union) 26.14% Matt Dickson (The Union) 21.45% University Co-op Board of Directors (at large) Jeff Carona Amy M. Hester * 21.87%

Andy Tyan 17.35% Farooq H. Malik 13.03% Coleman Lewis 9.74% Kent Chao * 30.46% Elizabeth Liscum Jonathan Mann 15.70% James Patterson 9.00% 21.00% Ben Blackburn

REFERENDUM

Students pay \$2 fee to erect statues of Cesar Chavez and Barbara Jordan 56.45% 43.54% Against

More SG election results

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APD: Tickets to result in warrants

Austin residents could face fees, bond posting or jail, police say

Daily Texan Staff

For Austin residents who have let their parking tickets or other fines slide for too long, a knock on the door tomorrow morning could mean a trip to jail.

Starting at 5:30 a.m., law enforcement officers from the city of Austin and 20 other jurisdictions in Central Texas are conducting a sweep to find people with outstanding warrants and get them to pay up

A total of 150,000 letters were mailed to people with warrants in mid-February to encourage voluntary payment before the round-up begins, according to city and county officials.

Rebecca Stark, clerk of the Austin Municipal Court, said most of the warrants come from failure to pay traffic fines, but may also include other Class C misdemeanors such as petty theft and ordinance violations. University police said UT parking tickets will not

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Warrant Payment Options

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- · N. Austin, 12425 Lamplight Village, 8 a.m. to · S. Austin, 5700 Manchaca Rd., 8 a.m. to 5 a.m.
- Special weekend hours for this roundup only at all

locations, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday. Tel. 974-4800

Method of Payment

- Check, 24-hour drop box; credit card, Western Union Fine Payment Service

In Travis County Constable's Offices: All precincts have special round-up hours, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cashier's checks and money orders only.

Students question UT spending

Faulkner offers four ways to meet shortfall at financial forum

By Yvonne Lim

With a dire financial forecast for the next two years, student concerns over tuition deregulation weighed heavily during a financial forum hosted by UT President Larry Faulkner Thursday. Audience members asked

Faulkner whether the administration could cut existing programs and projects and alter investment formulas to meet the reductions in state funding, instead of implementing tuition deregulation. The shortfall is estimated at \$19 million in the current fiscal year with a \$30



Danielle Vincent/Daily Texan Staff

President Faulkner speaks to students about the University's financial situation Thursday. He fielded questions concerning tuition deregulation and alternatives to fee increases.

until the next legislative session in 2005.

Forrest Wilder, an English senior and UT Watch member, questioned the Board of

million shortfall for each year Regents' recent approval of nearly \$250 million in Systemwide building projects. Faulkner said he could not

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78TH LEGISLATURE

Cuts may kill needy's health care

Official: Medicaid patients would be affected by reductions

By Elizabeth Esfahani

Daily Texan Staff

The Department of Health and Human Services painted a grim picture at the Capitol Thursday with a mandated 12.5-percent budget trim that would leave 250,000 children and 67,000 adults without health-care coverage.

These significant reductions would affect the state's most needy and poor, as well as reducing reimbursements for doctors, all unavoidable necessities with the lack of funds available, Commissioner Albert Hawkins said.

The agency, which requires the state's largest budget expenditure, uses most of its money on Medicaid, the insurance program providing for low-income families. CHIP, an insurance program for needy children whose family income is too high to qualify for Medicaid, is also another big cost for the agency. Right now, children that are in families at 200 percent of the poverty level, which is about \$36,800 per family of four, receive CHIP coverage. Under the mandated 12.5 percent, the rate would be pared down to 150 percent.

Proposed Medicaid cuts would not touch those people the federal government requires the state to cover, but will affect mostly the elderly, blind and disabled who are not poor enough to meet the federally-mandated care requirement. Breast cancer and cervical cancer services would also be cancelled, as well as money that provides eyeglasses, hearing aids and other medical supplies for the those in need.

This mass of uninsured people would most likely turn to overcrowded emergency rooms for their health-care needs, Hawkins said. Donna Gonzalez,

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UT lawsuit dismissed by state judge

Judgement: Camera information not exempt from public release

By Wes Ferguson

Daily Texan Staff

A state district judge on Thursday dismissed a University lawsuit that sought to prevent the disclosure of information concerning the use of security cameras on campus.

The University's lawyers had fought an attorney general's ruling to release the public information locations of security cameras, the amount of money spent on them and the names of companies contracted to provide them — citing a risk to campus and national security.

But in his summary judgment, Travis County District Judge Paul Davis said, "The information at issue is not subject to any exemption under the Public Information Act.

The Daily Texan filed a request for the information in October, which the University appealed to Attorney General Greg Abbott.

Abbott sided with the Texan.

"Of course I'm pleased that we were able to get a quick judgment in this case," Abbott said in a prepared statement, "and I'm hopeful that UT will promptly produce the public records, rather than

continuing to fight in litigation." UT's general counsel Patricia Ohlendorf said the University might decide within a week whether to appeal the ruling.

'The primary issue is the safety of members of

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John Cusack and Noah Taylor star in a film exploring the formative years of Adolf Hitler.

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Israeli culture displayed at Hillel party



Brooke Moreland/Daily Texan Staff

David Kaim and his daughter Shoshana enjoy a camel ride at Texas Hillel's Israel Block Party Thursday.

Groups protest while police, FBI remain on hand for protection By Justin Lefkowski

Daily Texan Staff

With Israel-based rock group Moshav playing home-town hits in the background, the event was a block party in the truest sense of the phrase.

Texas Hillel held its fifth annual Israel Block party Thursday night in a celebration to give back to the local Jewish community

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Co-chair: Party raises cultural awareness

PARTY, FROM 1

"It's a party. It shows support for Israel in a joyous manner,' said Dave Ezrailson, co-chair of

With a \$20,000 budget, the number of people at the event was larger than usual, organizers said. Bad weather had prevented larger crowds from attending previous Hillel block parties, Rabbi David Kessell said.

For those wanting to express their athletic prowess, there was a rock climbing wall and a bungee cord ride. For those looking for something a little more exotic, there was a special area to smoke cherryand apple-flavored tobacco.

For the younger kids, there was a special area to play trivia games and build sand sculptures. For the adventurous, a camel was even on hand for guests to ride.

The goal of the evening was to bring Israel to Austin, to give locals the experience of visiting a foreign land.

"It's heartwarming to see the different areas of Israel represented," said Dana Kursh, the viceconsul of Israel to the Southwest, based in Houston

The foods of the day were falafel, schwarma and fries. Money was exchanged for 50-cent tickets, and

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for a few dollars, one could be treated to enough Jewish food to last them through the party.

"It's an awesome event and great publicity for Hillel," said Aaron Goldstein, a government

Jenny Diamond, the other cochair, saw the party as something

"It raises cultural awareness that Israel is not a fighting state," Diamond said.

Logistics director Adam Sowalsky said he believed that the presentation of the event gave off a vibe that made people want to stay.

Sowalsky, a cell biology senior, said that if Hillel would have had more money, the group would have liked to put more police officers out in the area.

Protection was a huge concern for the people in charge, Sowalsky said. At least six APD officers and a few local FBI agents were on the premises to ensure that nothing would upset the mood of the party, organizers said.

A small group comprised of people from the Palestine Solidarity Committee, the Jewish Students for Palestinian Rights and Women in Black, who describe themselves as an international peace network, held a silent protest outside the perimeter of the party.

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Musician Ben Harper discusses new album, playing in Austin

This week, The Daily Texan talks with musician Ben Harper, whose new album Diamonds on the Inside comes out March 11. A full version of the interview appears online at

- P. Ryan Petkoff

off talking about the much-anticipated new album. Ben Harper: Yeah man, great.

The Daily Texan: So let's start

DT: Is this album more important to you than the other four studio releases because you pro-

BH: Well, it's no more impor-

DT: How's the live show

going for this album?

BH: Oh man, the shows are going really well. As far as I'm

concerned, I'm having more fun now than I've ever had making music.

DT: You've got to have an Austin tour date coming **Ben Harper** up, right? Last

time you played the Backyard it was packed, and the people seemed to be pretty responsive.

BH: Absolutely, man. The Backyard and Stubb's - I just love playing in Austin and Texas

DT: So what can we expect? BH: I don't know, man.

Playing in the South is just the best because you're playing to folks, you know what I mean?

You're not playing to an industry, and it feels really good to play through the South — I love it. I make southern music anyway, even though I'm from

DT: Can we expect stuff from [Welcome to the] Cruel World and the older albums?

BH: Oh definitely, man. We're going to represent all the records, for sure. I mean, of course we're going to lean towards this record, but the good news is we play for a while, so in a two-and-a-halfhour set we can play 24 songs.

DT: In the single, ["With my Own Two Hands"], you talk about changing the world. What are you doing to change the

BH: It's a day-to-day movement, man. It's not like, "OK, today I'm going to do this, and then things will change."

"This is the most unbelievable

moment of our lives tonight. We

[Students First] had no expecta-

tion of doing so well," Majid said.

he takes office in April will be to

reevaluate the distribution of the

student services fee to organiza-

Bryan Pravda, Envision vice-

Envision campaign manager

Bryson Santaguida said he was

baffled by the overwhelming

number of positions Students First

won. He said Envision will inves-

this year's elections also drew

surprised reactions from the

ESB, candidates and supporters.

Over 20 percent of the total stu-

dent body voted in the elections,

meaning that voter turnout has

more than doubled since last

year, and was the highest

ESB chair McGowen attributes

"The offices have such a large

this increase to "the added con-

mandate because a fifth of the UT

population cared to vote for

Students also had an addition-

al day to vote after the ESB ruled

that icy weather prevented some

Students also voted to pass a referendum to erect statues of

Barbara Jordan and Cesar

students from voting Tuesday.

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them," McGowen said.

Chavez on campus.

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Majid said his first step when

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our campus community, our students, our staff, our faculty and also our visitors to the campus," Ohlendorf said.

Keeping information about deterrent to any activity that could cause harm to members of our campus community,"

Deputy Attorney General Jeff Boyd, who argued the state's case in court, said Abbott was adamant that his office fight the University's position.

"Contrary to what you hear out there about national security and terrorist threats creating a need to close government more, [Abbott] believes it creates a need to expand government

One of Abbott's aides, Angela Hale, said the judge reprimanded the University's lawyers for objecting on technicalities to some of the attorney general's documents. In one objected to the validity of some of the University's own records because they hadn't been veri-

"He chided the lawyers for UT for filing frivolous objec-

The University has 30 days

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tant, because without the steps, you know what I mean, those other records have enabled me to make this record. So I can't put them in order of importance, but I can certainly say that this one is an accumulation of the four.

Brian Haley, Students First

presidential candidate, won by a

50.00497-percent majority. Jon

Mureen, Envision presidential

candidate, was next in line with

32.34 percent of the vote, followed

by Topple Student Government

candidate Daniel Fernandez, with

Haleysaidhewasnotexpecting

"The whole reason we won

the Students First landslide win.

tonight was because of the peo-

ple running on our ticket," Haley

said. "I am so proud to be run-

All three presidential candi-

dates said they expected the ESB

to announce a run-off for the

presidential race. Runoffs in the

presidential race have occurred

ESB chair Ernest McGowen

said a runoff would have taken

place had one more person

voted in the presidential race for

since the 1999 SG election.

13.63 percent of the vote.

ning with all of them."

ELECTIONS, FROM 1

a candidate other than Haley.

Online voting convenient, ESB chair says

Mureen, however, said he had no regrets about running. The Envision campaign was victorious in spreading its message to the student body, he said. "My congratulations go to

Brian Haley," Mureen said. "Obviously, they ran a very good race, and they won.' He also expressed his pride for

the Envision candidates and team. "They did it right the whole

way, and that is all I can ask for," Mureen said. Fernandez said he, too, con-

gratulated Haley and hoped that Haley will "see the light and realize that it is wrong to tax the students in such a manner.' In the vice presidential race,

Students First candidate Sly Majid secured a win over Envision candidate Bryan Pravda with 56.62 percent of the vote.

Majid said he was speechless as the ESB announced one Students First winner after another.

Changing Patterns

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Panel One - New Frontiers in City Space

Chair: Marian Barber, Doctoral Student, Department of History

of Urban Expression

Discussant: Paul Adams, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography Panel One Presenters: 9 - 10:15 AM

Karl Brown, Doctoral Student, Department of History

Urvi Desai, Masters Student, Community and Regional Planning Chris Gaffney, Doctoral Student, Department of Geography

Sponsored: Urban Issues Program Graduate Student Network Panel Two - Action, Place and Meaning Chair. Chris Gaffney, Doctoral Student, Department of Geography Discussant: Steven Hoelscher, Assistant Professor, American Studies

Katrinka Sorndahl, Doctoral Student, Department of Geography Karen C. Gonzalez, Masters Student, Department of American Studies Patricia Murrieta, Masters Student, Department of Latin American Studies

10:30 - 11:45 AM Panel Two Presenters:

Panel Three - The City and Water in Conflict

Chair: Mona Koener, Doctoral Student, LBJ School of Public Affairs Discussant: Kent Butler, Associate Professor, School of Architecture Panel Three Presenters: 12-1 PM

Beatriz Garcia-Fresca, Masters Student, Department of Geological Science Marcel P. Dulay, Doctoral Student, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Panel Four - Shaping Cities Through Policy and Partnership Chair: Rodrigo Nunes, Masters Student, LLILAS

Discussant: Michael Oden, Assistant Professor, School of Architecture 1:15 - 2:30 PM Panel Four Presenters: Hector Robles, Doctoral Student, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Tara Regan Keniry, Doctoral Student, Department of Sociology & IC2 Mona Koemer, Doctoral Student, LBJ School of Public Affairs





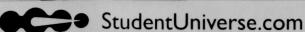


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who was photographed while

running for Austin City Council

Place 5. Only Austin attorney Brewster McCracken is filed to

run, but candidates have until March 19 to file for candidacy.

City employee Clayton Stapleton withdrew from the race this week.

campaigning for the Topple Student Government ticket. · Also, a Page 7 headline misstated the number of candidates

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WORLD BRIEFS

Security Council talks end in bitter disagreement

UNITED NATIONS — A Security Council meeting on Iraq ended in bitter disagreement Thursday with council members unable to agree on basic issues such as a timetable for weapons inspectors to report next to the council.

Diplomats described a terrible atmosphere within the council. which met behind closed doors for four hours Thursday.

The council is split between those who are supporting the Bush administration's calls for the use of force to disarm Saddam Hussein, and others, led by the French, who want to continue weapons inspections.

At the end of the session, French Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere said the majority of the council still opposed a U.S.backed draft resolution and he pushed the French proposal for additional time for inspections.

Still, ambassadors who spoke on condition of anonymity said the Americans seemed unwilling to compromise in order to achieve council unity on Iraq.

Start of North Korea reactor sends message

WASHINGTON — By restarting its nuclear reactor. North Korea is sending a message that it has the capability and is prepared to produce plutonium for a formidable nuclear arsenal.

But nuclear experts said Thursday the real test is if the Koreans start up a processing facility next door where plutonium would be extracted from the used fuel, or from thousands of used fuel rods that have been in storage since the mid-1990s.

Over time, the small, 5megawatt reactor at North Korea's Yongbyon nuclear complex could produce enough plutonium for three warheads every two years, U.S. nuclear experts said. The processing facility could separate enough plutonium for a warhead a month as long as plutonium was available.

While the North Korean government has asserted its startup of the reactor was to produce electricity, U.S. officials - as well as private nuclear experts scoffed at such claims, saving the small reactor at Yongbyon eats up as much power as it produces. A typical commercial U.S. power reactor is 1,000 megawatts.

Cuba seizes American mission's book shipment

HAVANA — Works by Martin Luther King Jr., John Steinbeck and Groucho Marx were among 5,101 books seized by Cuban authorities after being shipped in by the U.S. government, America's top diplomat in Havana said Thursday.

was a "firm decision by the government" not to allow the books into the Communist-run country for distribution to dissident groups, including independent libraries, U.S. Interests Section Chief James Cason said.

"They said it wasn't the books, but who we were going to give them to." he told a small group of international reporters. He said the American mission has imported similar books in the

The \$68,770.41 shipment remains in the control of Cuban customs officials, Cason said. American officials said they would happily pay duties on the books, but were told that was not

"It's fear of losing political control," said Cason, who arrived in Havana five months ago.

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Samoud missile at a

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"in principle"

Iraq agrees to destroy banned missiles

Associated Press

ited so far.'

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq agreed in principle Thursday to destroy its Al Samoud 2 missiles, two days before a U.N. deadline. Word of the agreement came as chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said Baghdad's disarmament efforts had been "very lim-

The mixed signals were likely to provide ammunition to supporters and opponents of a quick war to disarm Iraq. The two sides failed to reach agreement on substantive issues during a heated and bitter discussion in the Security Council on Thursday.

The council debate came as the U.S. military buildup for war exceeded 200,000 troops in the Persian Gulf region on Thursday.

Inside Iraq, Saddam Hussein was moving some of his besttrained forces into new positions, Bush administration officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity

In a letter to Blix on Thursday,

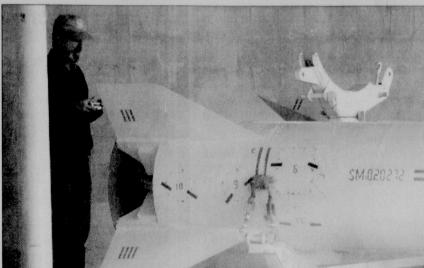
Iraq agreed "in principle" to destroy its Al Samoud 2 missiles, which were found to have a range exceeding the 93-mile limit set by the Security Council at the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Blix told reporters earlier this week the missile issue would be a key test of Iraq's cooperation with a U.N. order to disarm.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Iraq's letter constituted an unconditional acceptance or whether Iraq would meet the Saturday deadline to begin the destruction, as Blix ordered.

Iraq asked Blix to dispatch a technical team to discuss the "framework and timetable" for carrying out the order, but Blix's deputy was already in Baghdad to oversee the destruction.

At the United Nations, diplomats said the lack of consensus and tone of the debate Thursday were demoralizing, but many held out hope for compromise among the council's five major powers. The United States and Britain are pushing a resolution that would open



the door for war, while Russia, China and France are calling for continued weapons inspections and a diplomatic end to the crisis.

British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock, trying to bolster the case against Iraq, told the council fresh British intelligence indicated

By John J. Lumpkin

WASHINGTON — The Bush

administration lowered the

national terror alert Thursday

from orange to yellow, sug-

gesting the immediate threat

of an attack on U.S. soil had

eased. Still, Americans were

warned to "continue to be

Counterterrorism officials

said al-Qaida remains capa-

ble of attacking, and they

cautioned people not to think

believes Americans are less vigi-

lant and less prepared before it

will strike again," Attorney

General John Ashcroft and

Homeland Security Secretary Tom

The conclusion of the Muslim

hajj holiday period played a role

Ridge said in a joint statement.

"Al-Qaida will wait until it

the threat had passed.

Associated Press

defiant and alert.

Iraq was producing anthrax, sarin and other biological and chemical agents. He said missiles were being hidden, and scientists were being threatened.

Blix was invited to discuss his 17-page report detailing the work of his staff in Iraq over the

Terror alert lowered to yellow

threat level from orange, the sec-

ond-highest level on the five-

part scale, Ashcroft and Ridge

said. Counterterrorism officials

had noted intelligence informa-

tion pointing toward a possible

attack around the time of the

holiday, which is in early and

The two Cabinet secretaries

said lowering the alert status "is

only an indication that some of

the extra protective measures

enacted by government and the

private sector may be reduced at

the third-highest alert on a five-

step scale. It means intelligence

suggests a significant risk of ter-

rorist attacks. The orange alert is

a step higher and means there is

The level was raised to orange

on Feb. 7, prompting the govern-

a high risk of an attack.

A yellow, or elevated, alert is

mid-February.

this time.

past three months. In a draft copy of the report obtained by The Associated Press, Blix says Saddam could have made greater efforts "to find remaining proscribed items or credible evidence showing the absence of such items."

extra security measures at build-

ings, utilities and other key

A senior FBI official, brief-

ing reporters on condition of

anonymity, said despite the

uncertainties in trusting ter-

rorism-related intelligence, the

administration prefers to err

The FBI is circulating a new

bulletin to local and state law

enforcement agencies this week

warning that al-Qaida operatives

plotting U.S. attacks might use

surveillance techniques ranging

from hidden cameras to phony

Nearly three weeks at orange

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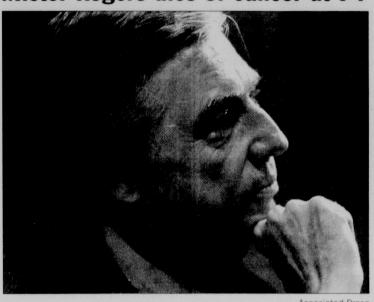
dire warnings of imminent al-

Qaida terrorism since the Sept. 11

on the side of caution.

infrastructure sites.

Mister Rogers dies of cancer at 74



PITTSBURGH — A television icon who put on a zip-up cardigan and sneakers each day and gently invited millions of children to be his neighbor, Fred Rogers never wavered in the mission he considered his ministry: to use Mister Rogers' Neighborhood as a way to persuade young viewers to love themselves and others. Early Thursday, Rogers died following a bout with stomach cancer at his Pittsburgh home, leaving friends, colleagues and generations of people who grew up watching him in mourning. He was 74.

NATION BRIEFS

Reports show economy's road to recovery is bumpy

WASHINGTON — The economy's bumpy road to recovery was vividly seen Thursday in a trio of reports: Demand to factories for big-ticket goods posted the best showing in six months, but new-home sales plummeted and unemployment claims hit a two-month high.

Orders to U.S. factories for durable goods — items expected to last at least three years — jumped by 3.3 percent in January, the first increase since October, the Commerce Department reported.

A second report from the department, however, showing sales of new, single family homes plunged by 15.1 percent in January — the biggest decline in nine years raised some new questions about consumers' willingness to make big financial commitments amid worries about a war with Irag. economists said.

In a third report, the Labor Department said new claims for unemployment benefits rose by a seasonally adjusted 11,000 last week to 417,000, a two-month high, inclined to keep work forces lean, given the uneven economic recovery.

Lack of war cost estimates **frustrating House Democrats**

WASHINGTON — House Democrats lashed out at a top defense official Thursday over the Bush administration's refusal to provide any cost estimates of a war

against Iraq. "I think you are deliberately keeping us in the dark," Rep. James Moran, D-Va., told Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. 'We are finding out far more from the newspapers than we are from

you in testimony.'

Wolfowitz appeared before the House Budget Committee to disbillion proposed defense budget for next year. The budget does not include the costs of a possible war, which would likely be funded by a midyear spending bill.

Wolfowitz said the costs would depend on many factors, including how long the war lasts, what kind of weapons are used, and the assistance provided by U.S. allies.

The committee's top Democrat, Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, said Congress needed some guidance as it considers next year's budget and President Bush's tax cut

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in the decision to lower the ment and businesses to impose

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VIEWPOINT

Noted in passing...

GOOD AGGIE EXAMPLE: Traditional A&M vs. Texas animosity escalated to administrative levels Wednesday when Texas A&M President Robert Gates announced that, unlike the University, he will consider tuition deregulation only as a very last resort.

Faced with Gov. Rick Perry's hounding demands for a 12.5-percent budget cut, Gates has promised to press the Legislature into fulfilling its higher education funding responsibilities, a strategy at which UT officials have failed to succeed over the years.

"I'd rather not stick it to students first," Gates told the San Antonio

While Longhorn natural tendencies are to immediately repudiate Aggie rhetoric, Gates' die-hard commitment to pursue student-friendly substitutes to tuition deregulation is commendable. Perhaps the UT System, notorious for sticking illegal fee hikes to students during Christmas break without their input, ought to take student committedness tips from its archrival instead of indolently touting an unnacountable tuition deregulation plan before considering alternative sources of revenue, such as corporate sponsorship and competent management of

Unfortunately, instead of toiling unremittingly to ensure an affordable college education for all, the UT System has predictably spent thousands of dollars pitching its Texas Compact Plan crafted specifically to deceive students and the Legislature into believing that tuition deregulation will not lead to more student expenses.

This lackadaisical approach to fund raising and poor financial management epitomizes the University's inability to manage tuition deregulation responsibly. Will they simply increase tuition every time the University's in a financial bind?

. ASHCROFT IS NOT KIND: With the terror threat dropping from orange to yellow, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has time to direct his neo-fascism at segments of the population besides foreigners: The million of Americans who smoke marijuana, and the people who sell

The Justice Department raided 55 business that sold drug paraphernalia — such as water pipes, small spoons and roach clips — earlier this week in two coordinated operations dubbed "Operation Pipe Dreams" and "Operation Headhunter." It turns out all those beautiful handblown glass pieces for sale on the Internet weren't used for tobacco or novelty purposes after all.

Ashcroft used his share of scare tactics to justify his raids, equating the sale of bongs to selling a silencer used in a murder, and suggesting that the industry has "invaded the homes of families." We've never seen any sentient water pipes, let alone any that have invaded any homes, but we'll take Ashcroft's word for it.

Unfortunately for Ashcroft and his band of no-fun-niks, the resourcefulness of stoners dictates that this week's busts will have little impact on the habits of pot smokers, unless he also restricts the sale of soda cans, milk jugs, aluminum foil, avocados, ice picks, snorkels and the countless other household items that can be used for a quick toke.

. HAPPY TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY: Sunday marks the 167th anniversary of 60 men signing the Texas Declaration of Independence at a convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Six weeks later, Texas officially gained its independence from Mexico when Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana surrendered to wounded Texan Gen. Sam Houston following a brief battle at San Jacinto.

Texas is a place like no other, and Sunday is as good a time as any to celebrate the diversity of both the cultural and physical landscape that makes this state great. What was once a frontier backwater has emerged to be a national and world leader in industry, technology and good, oldfashioned Texas know-how.

If it weren't for the sacrifices of those before us, neither Texas nor her citizens would be in the position they are now. So slip on the boots, snap the belt buckle and scarf down some barbecue to celebrate the greatest country-turned-state the United States has to offer.

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THE FIRING LINE

Anything for cheaper tickets

What is happening at the University? It appears that it will become very costly to attend the University. Tuition deregulation appears imminent. Course catalogs will not be printed for the summer semester. Ticket prices for UT football games will increase, including OU tickets, which will increase by 30 bucks for students. Residents living in the dorms next year will be required to pay \$1,200 for dorm food. Every student will be required to pay \$2 a year for more statues.

Here's an idea: the University should not print course catalogs for any semester ever. Let students use their food money wherever they want and scrap the statues. You know what, forget about all that. Charge me what you want just keep the football tickets the same price!

Thomas Gallagher Mechanical engineering

Dissing a sacred symbol

The flag doesn't have a viewpoint; it's simply our nation's symbol. It is not George W. Bush, America's foreign policy or multinational corporations suppressing the quality of life of others. The flag is America and

Basketball player Toni Smith, a senior at Manhattanville College believes she has the "right" to turn from the flag during the national anthem at her basketball games. She claims to protest the government's "priorities" and how, in her words, it's bent on "expanding its own power." What she is protesting, however, and the way in which she has decided to do it, are two different things. If she hates Bush, fine. criticize him. If she can't stand Nike and how it underpays and overworks its foreign employees, OK, oppose Air Jordan and buy some RooShoes. However, to disrespect the flag is to disrespect all those who have fought and died for it.

To turn your back on our most sacred national symbol is to turn your back on our men and women who have proudly preserved a tattered cloth from countless fields of battle so that young Ms. Smith could grow up and play basketball in the best country in the world.

Dennis P. Jamouneau Law student

End anti-Arab bonding

I, the undersigned American, out of a love for America that far surpasses any allegiance to a foreign power, reject the U.S.-Israel "special bond" as being counter to

everything America stands for. By supporting Israel, a nation whose ruling coalition supports the ethnic cleansing or "transfer" of Palestinians out of Israel, the occupied Palestinian West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, U.S. says to the world it has no regard for human rights or international law.

By supplying Israel with more than \$2 billion worth of arms every year as Israel violates dozens of U.N. resolutions - America shreds any credibility it has for urging war on Iraq for similar violations. By supplying Israel, the sole nation in the Middle East in possession of nuclear weapons, with military aid, America shows the world it is not serious about containing the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

Finally, by supporting Israel even as it occupies and colonizes the Palestinian West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem in violation of international law, makes war on Palestinian civilians and illegally occupies part of Syria — America is nurturing the same hatred that led to the 9/11 terrorist attacks

anti-Arab, anti-UN, anti-human rights and anti-international law bond that is strangling America.

It is time to sever this "special"

Isaac Boxx Aerospace engineering graduate student

Peace is patriotic

Daniel Chan's column Thursday ("Anti-war protests betray soldiers in the field") is both hostile and misleading regarding recent anti-war protests. He claims that "our troops have received little public respect.' In the last few months I have been to protests in D.C. and Austin (both on campus and off), and at every single one there has been supportive mention of the troops. It has been repeatedly affirmed that the target of protests is not American soldiers but rather Bush's trigger-happy administration.

As for supporting Bush, shouldn't he support his people? After all, he doesn't send a very positive message to the country when by ignor-

ing anti-war protests despite their significant attendance numbers. If Bush was elected fairly and democratically, then he has a responsibility to listen carefully to the concerns of his people, rather than pushing them aside

Supporting Saddam isn't the point of the protests. The point is peace. At no anti-war rally have I heard anyone express support for Saddam. I seriously doubt that he'd take these protests as signs of a global constituency of support.

Finally, Chan's spurious examples of supposed violence to discredit protests was unconvincing. At the D.C. protest in January, there were less than 10 arrests out of several hundred thousand protesters. And one must question if police in Colorado Springs were "forced" to fire tear gas in the same way that Austin police were "forced" to arrest people demonstrating peacefully (not disruptively) in front of the Dobie Mall in December. Peace is patriotic

Tessa North

American studies junior

Stop bashing, take a stand

Last weekend, the University Democrats approved a resolution declaring opposition to war in Iraq. While one can make a reasonable argument for sustaining the inspections for a bit longer, the argument for inspections misses the main point at hand: inspections won't work without Iraqi cooperation.

Unfortunately, opposition to using force seems to be heavily motivated by opposition to President Bush, rather than a substantive disagree ment over the solution to the problem. I certainly agree that Bush is to blame for the lack of unity in the international community and I regret the negative image our country has around the world as a result. Nonetheless, my complaint with the Bush administration's lack of diplomatic deftness is not relevant to how this problem ought to be resolved. Would the University Democrats resist the use of force had Clinton been in charge?

As a Democrat, I'm afraid the anti-war sentiments are symptomatic of the larger problem Democrats face nationwide. Putting down Bush, calling him an idiot or simply ranting against everything he stands for does not resonate well with the general public, nor does it shift the focus towards the issues and positive solutions. If you are serious about the success of the Democratic Party, start spending less time being against Bush and standing for something that is helpful and relevant to Americans.

Peter Bean Philosophy senior

Take that!

As a member of a Texas National Guard unit that has been on alert for the last couple of weeks (and that may be mobilized as early as this weekend), I have one question for you geniuses: If I get gassed by your buddy Saddam, what did you think they were going to ship me home to my husband and family in? A paper sack?

Julia Campbell Chemical engineering senior

Condom discrimination

I would like to expose the student body to the horrible discrimination running rampant in the condom industry and grocery/convenient stores. Many of you may have noticed the wide variety of condoms from "Ribbed" to "Her Pleasure" and even "Extended Pleasur What bothers me is the complete lack of choice when it comes to large-sized condoms. While shopping at a local grocery store, I found only one option for a proper fit!

I believe this discrimination should be made public so that others, like myself, do not feel left out of the consumer choice market. So the time has come. Join me in rising up and pulling out our support for these corporations. Such discrimination should not be accepted sitting down.

Yoni Samocha Sociology junior

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University's new dining plan inefficient

By Junjay Tan

Daily Texan Columnist Structure does not accurately

describe the typical student's day: Decisions are made on the fly, schedules aren't followed and conversations are hurriedly concluded between classes. Even gastronomic needs are sometimes neglected as many students routinely skip meals to attend study sessions or classes.

The Department of Housing and Food Services' 2003-2004 dorm meal plan aims to give students greater financial power, but it could handicap them in several significant ways if not carefully planned out.

Beginning this summer, DHFS will provide one meal plan for all dorm residents. Known as Dine In Dollars, the new system will replace the current system called Dining Dollars.

Before, students could choose plans ranging from bronze (\$754 dining dollars, \$5,724 total for a double in the dormitory and use of the community bath) to platinum (\$1,182 dining dollars, \$6,188 total for double and community bath).

meal plan aims to give students greater financial power but it could handicap them in several significant ways if not carefully planned out. becomes more expensive after one The 2003 meal plan allocates

\$1,200 to Dine In Dollars, \$300 to Bevo Bucks for a total price of \$6,089 for a double and community-bath dorm room. This would be appropriate except Dine In Dollars will be restricted to purchases at DHFS-operated outlets, like the Jester Cafeteria, while students can currently use Dining Dollars at vendors on and around campus. Under the new plan, Dine In Dollars cannot be used to pay for laundry, and leftover dollars expire one semester after a student leaves the dorm.

From a financial standpoint, the upcoming plan appears beneficial. More money for free. But what are the other costs? To spend the dollars in a timely fashion, students must constantly eat often unimpressive cafeteria food. Of course, food at DHFS restaurants

leaves the dorms. Another cost kicks in once the cafeterias close. A third cost is time: One might have to walk from studying at the UGL to Jester City Limits for a late-night meal to use up those Dine In Dollars, while Wendy's is right around the corner.

The Department of Housing and Food Services' 2003–2004 dorm

Assuming a student eats three meals a day in DHFS cafeterias, Monday through Saturday, and two meals a day every Sunday for a 34-week school year, his total bill would equal \$1,533.06, just enough to finish all his Dine In Dollars and Bevo Bucks. But this is a huge assumption. Most students have trouble waking up for class on time, much less breakfast. Also, most students don't eat lunch or dinner everyday at the cafeterias because other events coincide with the cafeteria hours.

Plus, UT dorm food is just plain bad — one more reason students eat out every once in a while. Eating out helps students stay sane. But using the measly amount of Bevo Bucks for outside food, especially when they're needed for laundry, would seem a waste when so many dining dollars are left. So we must chug down Jester's slop.

Many students often eat after 7 p.m., after cafeteria hours. This isn't a big problem for those in the Jester area with Jester City Limits nearby. For those in Kinsolving, choices are severely limited. Kin's Korner has a small but unhealthy

Then there is the time issue. Eating at the cafeterias takes at least half an hour. One must sit, socialize and queue multiple times to grab third helpings of

yesterday's "shrimp" gumbo. Sometimes grabbing fast food and returning to study is more time efficient. Again, the Dining Dollar dilemma rears its ugly head. Why waste precious Bevo Bucks if one doesn't have to?

That's not to say the 2003 meal plan will be bad; on the contrary, it could be very beneficial for students if DHFS considers other student needs beyond the financial ones. Jester City Limits and Kin's Korner could be open for longer hours (similar to Wendy's) with more selections. Since these restaurants don't tie diners down like buffets, students can grab food and quickly leave.

Finally, if the upcoming idea for a Jester supermarket comes to fruition, the meal plan would be perfect. Students could buy cereal, bread, milk and ham to make their own meals at their leisure. All the while the huge reservoir of dining dollars could be used, saving precious Bevo Bucks. DHFS must realize that flexibility and time are just as important as money to college students.

> Tan is a mechanical engineering/Plan II junior.

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Relief. Sec. of Homeland Security Tom Ridge lowered the threat level from orange to yellow Thursday. Goodness, we were running out of space to keep all that duct tape.



Stomach cancer. You took the lovable Mr. Rogers from us. Thanks for the memories, Fred. We'll miss your welcoming us into your living room.



Capitol Hip-Hop. House Speaker Tom Craddick debuted Wednesday the politically savvy, jocular Hip-Hop Caucus sporting a pair of black Nikes. Will they jam to 50 Cent on the House floor next week?

BRIEFS

Continuing and Extended Education program awarded

The UT Division of Continuing & Extended Education will accept two national awards for its marketing and promotions efforts at a Continuing Education Association confer-

ence in Chicago on March 29. The 2003 Marketing & Publications Awards of Excellence Program has recognized a division-marketing poster titled "UT for You, Too" with a silver medal and the companion "UT4U2" logo won a bronze medal. The winning poster and logo were among 300 entries in competition.

Tom Hatfield, dean of continuing education & extention, said the division is often better known across the state than in the University community.

"We created the 'UT4U2' campaign to help us inform our markets about the unique ways in which we extend the resources of the University to students and non-students. both on and off campus," Hatfield said.

-Erin Keck

Colorado officials consider awarding tuition vouchers

DENVER' - Colorado could become the first state to adopt a voucher-like system that gives tax money directly to students instead of universities

Under a bill state legislators unveiled Thursday, the state would award each high school student about 66 percent of the average public college tuition or \$4,600 annually up to four years.

Students would be responsible for the remaining cost through tuition payments, financial aid or grants. The vouchers would be available as a flat fee.

Supporters, including many college and university officials, call the plan more studentfriendly because it would allocate state money to students instead of institutions.

"It puts the money out in the open, puts it on the table.' University of Northern Colorado President Kay Norton said. "I think very few students will be able to walk away."

Legislators said they will look for more sponsors and plan to introduce the bill next week. said Rep. Keith King, the Republican sponsor of the bill.

-Associated Press

Virginia student candidate reports assault, racial slur

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A candidate for student council president at the University of Virginia told police she was assaulted by a man who made a

U.Va. police are investigating the assault of Daisy Lundy early Wednesday as a hate crime, and the university has posted a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest, administrators said.

Lundy, who is of Korean and black heritage, was treated for minor injuries and released, said Patricia M. Lampkin, vice president of student affairs.

Lundy said she was accosted as she leaned into her car to get a cell phone. The man grabbed her by the hair, slammed her head against the steering wheel and made a racist comment about her student council bid, she said. She also said she had received threatening phone

"There's no doubt it was a hate crime," U.Va. Police Department Capt. Michael Coleman said. He said Thursday morning that there were no suspects. -AP

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MONEY FROM CADAVERS

HOUSTON — A man who supervised the donated-body program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston allegedly pocketed more than \$18,000 from selling nails from the fingers and toes of cadavers, the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday. Records showed Allen Tyler Jr. received at least \$18,210 from Watson Laboratories Inc. of Salt Lake City for the sale of hundreds of human fingernails and toenails between November 1999 and August 2001. The nails were used to test experimental medicines.

Power shortage causes UTC evacuation



Students scatter outside Thursday after evacuating the University Teaching Center due to a small electri-

By Yvonne Lim Daily Texan Staff

Hundreds of students were forced to evacuate the University Teaching Center when the power shorted out minutes after noon Thursday. There were no injuries.

The power in the entire building went out for about 30 seconds until the backup generators restored power. Ten minutes later the building's electricity went out again, said Leroy Latiker, an urban studies senior who was attending class at the time on the third floor of the UTC.

Latiker said he was concerned that fire alarms did not sound.

"They need to do something about the fire alarm — it's pretty dangerous," Latiker said.

Bruce Taylor, battalion chief and critical issues officer for the Austin Fire Department, said

the problem stemmed from an electrical bus overload. The problem created a small explosion and smoke and caused some tiles from the basement's ceiling to fall.

"There was some visible smoke on arrival, but dissipated on its own, pretty much," Taylor

Although the six fire trucks, ambulance and hazard materials truck created a scene, Taylor said this number of resources is standard for a high-rise alarm.

The Office of the Registrar spent the rest of the afternoon rescheduling classes and advised students to check with faculty and related departments for relocated classes.

Rhonda Weldon, a facilities spokeswoman, said the financial impact of the outage has not yet been determined.

Faulkner: Fees may be necessary

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Faulkner said that he could not provide reasons for Board approvals, but said that building projects warrant close review.

"We tried to closely examine the building projects," Faulkner said. "Some were through gifts that can't be used to operate the University.'

John Pruett, an economics junior and UT Watch member, asked why the UT system is experiencing a shortfall with \$3.5 billion in unrestricted funds and \$7 billion in permanent university funds.

Faulkner disputed the \$3.5 billion figure and the term "unrestricted." He explained that as an endowment fund, the PUF cannot be spent. Instead, the system can only spend interest from the fund. Funds available to the University from the PUF amount to \$117 million for the current fiscal year and will be reduced to \$112 million in the next year.

"They will feed into the future, but they can't be spent,"

After the forum, Pruett said his question remained unanswered. He said the unrestricted funds could still be a source of funding, as well as better utilization of UT System land holdings.

"There are alternate means of raising the revenue besides cutting faculty and raising prices for students ... they're not focusing on teaching curriculum and they don't care about," Pruett said.

Faulkner presented four options to meet the budget shortfalls: tuition deregulation or infrastructure fees, repeal of a state "research tax" and operational deregulation.

The Texas "research tax" requires that 50 percent of overhead dollars from federal research grants be returned to

the state.

If the Legislature does not pass tuition deregulation, then infrastructure fees will become necessary to meet the University's needs, Faulkner said

"Some degradation of the infrastructure that you're looking at is a result of the fact that we're not spending enough money on it," Faulkner said. "We knew that a year ago, and we tried to deal with it, but we'll have to find a way to deal with it another time.

Faulkner said that tuition deregulation alone would not solve budget problems. He said that reducing costs and operations are necessary.

"We cannot just shift costs from the Legislature to the students and parents," Faulkner said.

One audience member expressed concern about possible layoffs.

Faulkner responded that personnel reductions are likely given the University's financial straits. For the moment, decisions are in hands of the vice presidents, deans and program leaders until they submit their budget plans to the budget council on March 7

"I can't tell you what the fallout will be," Faulkner said. "I think some of the fallout will be reduced employee levels."

Another audience member asked for comfort in light of the somber news.

"All the great universities have been through tough times and good times," Faulkner said. "There aren't any simple answers. In the end, I believe that the strength of this institution will manifest itself, the values of the the institution will manifest themselves... In the meantime, we have a lot of hard work to do."

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Texas Tech to increase student fees

By Jackie Caradonio Daily Texan Staff

Texas Tech students could pay up to 19 percent more in student fees starting this summer.

The Texas Tech Board of Regents on Thursday approved the increase in student fees, with a 19 percent cap, in order to compensate for state budget cuts in higher education.

The increase is part of a Global Fee Document that Tech submits annually to the Board in order to implement fee changes, Tech Provost William Marcy said.

While a 19 percent rise in fees may seem excessive, Kelli Stumbo, Tech's Student Government Association president, said the figure reflects what she calls a "worstcase scenario.'

"With the increase, the Board is preparing for what it might be hit with ... If the budget cuts are not as severe, they will work on lowering the fees," she said.

Stumbo also said the fees are

necessary to maintain Tech's standards of education. Unlike the state's flagship universities, Tech has room to expand and bring in more students, she said. In order to do so, more revenue would be required to accommodate a larger student body.

But Louis Constancio, a public relations senior, said he doubts that Tech has the capacity for such growth, saying the goal to bring in new students could come at the expense of education standards.

"We're not equipped to deal with more students," said Constancio, who recently ran for SGA president on an anti-fee platform. "Classrooms are overcrowded, buses are overcrowded, medical facilities are overcrowded. [A fee increase] focuses more on quantity instead of quality."

Constancio added that increases in both tuition and student enrollment would create a self-perpetuating negative effect on those students who rely on financial aid.

"The more students that come in on financial aid, the less everyone is going to get," he said. "There's not enough money to go around, and it's going to affect a lot of students. State appropriations represent

45 percent of Tech's revenue. Student fees and tuition, otherwise known as "local funds," comprise the remaining 55 percent. Tech projects a loss of almost \$14 million due to the state's budget cuts. Diminishing funds for publicly

funded universities has become a crucial issue across the state. Tuition deregulation numbers among the proposed solutions to address the problem.

Tech Chancellor David Smith has stated in the past that he disapproves of tuition deregulation, claiming that it will do more harm than good for Tech. Since deregulation would markedly increase tuition fees, it could result in fewer students from lower income families attending Tech.



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BRIEFS

Law relaxes requirements

for rabies vaccinations

The annual trip to the vet's

cats and their owners could be a thing of the past in Texas. Rabies shots, once a yearly requirement for pets, will now

come in three-year intervals, following a ruling by the Texas Board of Health on Thursday. Local governing bodies can retain the tougher one-year stan-

All but a handful of states require vaccinations every two to three years, said Jane Mahlow, director of the department's

Zoonosis Control Division. The

vaccine has been proven effec-

tive for more than three years,

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Under the new law, dogs and

cats must be vaccinated at four

months, followed by another shot

12 months later. Then the three-

"Compliance is poor now, and

common sense tells us that it will

said Mark Cox, an El Paso veteri-

narian and chairman of the Texas

HIV/AIDS program officials

to rethink budget proposal

The state program that pro-

vides HIV and AIDS medication

to patients with low income will

budget deficits after its initial pro-

posal met "overwhelming" public

Medication Program officials pro-

posed cutting back on the num-

ber of people who qualify for the

program. Instead of admitting

people whose incomes are no

more than 200 percent above the federal poverty line, officials proposed lowering the cutoff to

The Texas Board of Health let the proposal die on Thursday, forcing program officials to start

"We would like to get this

resolved as soon as possible,

but our main concern is to the

citizens of Texas," said George

stressing that officials find the

Senate OKs bill banning

jury deliberation recording

The Texas Senate approved leg-

The bill by Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, comes after the Court

of Criminal Appeals this month prohibited a Houston judge from

allowing the PBS series Frontline to videotape jury deliberations in

In a 6-3 decision, the court

determined that a video camera

would create outside influence

allowing potentially millions of

viewers to peek into the secret

Lindsay said some of the dis-

and pressure on the jury by

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islation Thursday that would ban the taping of a jury while it is

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McCleskey, board chairman,

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Groups, police stress safety at Mardi Gras

Police ask revelers to keep on watch for violence

By Gil Song Daily Texan Staff

Mardi Gras revelers have been asked to watch each others' backs -when they're not too busy watching each others' fronts-

for this weekend. SafePlace, Travis County's sexual and domestic violence survival center, the Downtown Austin Alliance and the Austin Police Department have come together in a joint effort to create a safe environment for Mardi Gras, particularly for women.

SafePlace emphasized that downtowngoers should call police if they witness anyone being harassed or hurt during

"We're trying to teach people to be courageous bystanders," said Autumn Keiser, a spokeswoman for SafePlace. "We want to make sure the smaller things don't turn into larger things. It's police before things get out of

Several clubs, bars and restaurants on Sixth Street have been working with SafePlace in various campaigns the past three

"Any kind of awareness is good awareness," said Stephan Griffith, manager of Shakespeare's Pub. "If [the campaign] helps one person who's in trouble, then it did its job.'

Previous campaigns include "Watch That Drink," a program with 60 participating bars and clubs to warn club-goers about date rape drugs such as Rohypnol and GHB, and "Clubs with a Conscience," a program to bring recognition to bars and clubs that make it a point keep their patrons safe. Eighteen bars and clubs have joined since the program's inception last week, according to

"We wanted to give higher visibility and recognition to those venues," Keiser said.

Posters and coasters with reminders to keep Mardi Gras safe will be distributed at locations throughout Sixth Street.

The tradition of women baring

better to have someone call the their breasts for beads, in combination with excessive alcohol consumption, has led to crowds getting too rowdy in previous Mardi Gras celebrations. For preventative measures, APD will have a total of 300 uniformed, undercover and mounted officers on duty each night of the celebration. Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission agents will also be working the nights leading up to Fat Tuesday.

> Normal regulations will be in place during Mardi Gras: no open or glass containers allowed on the street and a 10 p.m. curfew for teenagers 17 years old and under.

Sixth Street will be closed off from Interstate 35 to Brazos, as well as the cross streets from Fifth Street to Seventh Street in between, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, said Adam Shaivitz, a spokesman for the APD. Citations will be issued to any cars parked on those streets after 6 p.m.

"We want everyone to have a good time, but they must obey all the laws and ordinances," Shaivitz said. "We won't tolerate any violations."

TAKE A PUTT



Andrew Price/Daily Texan Staff

Mike Nunez, an SBC employee, takes a putt in his weekly game on the Hancock Golf Course.

Proposed budget cuts 'chilling, unacceptable,' analyst says

CUTS, FROM 1

regional corporate comptroller for Cristus Santa Rosa Health Care, testified that her hospital, which mostly serves Medicaid patients in San Antonio, was already feeling the crunch — its children's emergency room built to accommodate 24,000 now serves 60,000 a year.

Doctors and hospitals would cuts as those who provide services to Medicaid patients would see payments drop by 33 percent,

Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, expressed deep concern of the impact such payment drops would have on low-income areas. Caregivers whose clientele consists mostly of Medicare patients would no longer be able afford to practice, he said.

"We are going to see a signifialso bear the brunt of 12.5 percent cant flight of doctors," Shapleigh

Hawkins agreed and said that he "didn't have much confidence" in the ability of such low levels of reimbursement to maintain health-care services in Medicaidconcentrated parts of the state.

Advocates and Texans affected by cuts said that while they had been bracing for the worst, they were still surprised at the severity

"The cuts laid out today are pretty chilling and unacceptable," said Lisa McGiffert, senior

policy analyst for the Consumers Union. "We shouldn't balance the budget on the backs of our poorest, sickest, frailest people."

While the 12.5 percent budget proposal was mandated by the Legislative Budget Board, the commissioner also presented four other proposals that kept adding money on until there was a full recovery of services. \$8.2 billion in Medicaid and \$611.4 in CHIP funds from the state would be needed to maintain 2003 services, Hawkins said.

Although the outlook was admittedly gloomy, Senate Finance Chair Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, repeatedly reminded others that this presentation was not the endall — just a starting point.

"We are going to try to do the best job we can to meet the needs of the people of Texas," he said. "It's my hope that we are going to at least find some non-tax revenues that we can use to help shore up this budget.'

Officer: 6,000 reminder cards sent to jurisdiction

WARRANTS, FROM 1

be involved in the sweep.

Stark advised those with warrants to pay them off today to avoid the risk being caught in the round-up tomorrow. Law enforcement officials will coordinate their efforts to find as many people as possible and cross-check them for multiple warrants in different cities.

"We have found that combining forces has increased our ability to close some of these cases. We get more response when we do it this way," Stark said.

In addition to Saturday's warrant sweep, law enforcement officials will also check license plates for outstanding warrants early next week, Stark said.

"People should beware— if they think they have a warrant, they might consider that before coming down to Mardi Gras,"

Travis County Constable Drew McAngus said his office sent out about 6,000 reminder cards in his jurisdiction to remind people to take care of their warrants.

"What we're really wanting to do is get people to pay the fine or post bond. The last resort for us is to put somebody in jail," McAngus said. Many people have been call-

ing and coming in to take care of outstanding warrants, and McAngus said his office is trying to make it as convenient as possible, even if it means staying open late tonight.

"If there's a long line, we'll just keep going until the line dwindles," McAngus said.

Closing times for precincts in Travis County vary, and people with warrant questions are encouraged to call.

senting justices said allowing jury deliberations to be recorded was a terrible idea, but they noted it was not against the law. They recommended lawmakers prohib-

it the practice, he said. Lindsay said there were several problems with allowing deliberations to be recorded, including that people being recorded "may

play to the camera." "People change the way they present themselves when they know they are being recorded,"

Lindsay said. The bill now goes to the House.

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The women's golf team heads to Puerto Rico this weekend and the Texan has all your scores and updates.

Longhorns peaking as they prepare to face Red Raiders

Eight-game win streak on the line as Texas faces Tech Sunday

By Lorne Chan Daily Texan Staff

This season, there was talk surrounding the Texas women's basketball team and their chance to contend for a Big 12 championship. Some of the talk was coming from the players themselves, but now, they're backing it

up with an eight-game winning streak and a No. 10 ranking. "At the beginning of the year we talked about a championship, but it was just talk," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "Everyone is so focused, and everyone is playing their role. Now, it's more than

All of the talk and hoopla will come full circle on Sunday, as Texas (20-5, 13-1 Big 12) will travel to Lubbock to face the No. 7 Texas Tech Lady Raiders (23-3, 12-2 Big 12). With wins on Sunday and in the final regular season game on Wednesday, Texas will be guaranteed at least a share of the Big 12 title.

Conradt, who was recently named one of 20 finalists for the Naismith College Basketball

Coach of the Year Award, won 10 conferences titles in the now defunct Southwestern Conference, but has yet to win a Big 12 title since joining the conference in

"We came into the Baylor game talking about making the trip to Lubbock mean something," Conradt said. "Now it does mean something. This is what you play the game for.

Texas left the Baylor game with a 79-57 win, sweeping the Bears in the season series. Heather Schreiber led the team in scoring with 23 points, but the statistic that was more impressive was another 23, a team season-high 23

"We need to continue moving the ball, against Tech especially, Conradt said. "We had over 20 assists in each of the last two games. That gives us great offensive flow. In transition, it's hard to find a three-point shooter when you're on defense.'

The increased offensive flow has led to a Texas three-point barrage in the past few games, as the Longhorns have hit 23 of 38 three-point attempts in the last three games against Colorado, Nebraska and Baylor. Texas is currently fourth in the

Longhorns bound for Lubbock

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Heather Schreiber, right, tied her season-high with 23 points in the Longhorns' last game against Baylor.

Yen-Yi Liu/ Daily

TEXAS TRACK AND FIELD

Squads ready for Big 12 **Indoors**

Women's team hoping for repeat in weekend tourney in Nebraska

By Phillip Orchard Daily Texan Staff

The goal for the Longhorns is simple: make everyone at the Big 12 Indoor Championships this weekend realize one thing.

"Don't mess with Texas," said senior sprinter Moushaumi Robinson.

The Texas women's track and field squad will try to repeat as Big 12 champions this weekend in Lincoln, Nebraska and reestablish Texas as the top track power in the conference.

From 1985 to 1999, the Longhorns won 14 out of 15 conference championships, including the final 12 years of the Southwest Conference. But Texas has split the six Big 12 indoor championships with Nebraska, leaving the team wanting to return to dominance and stay firmly entrenched at the top.

"We want to let everyone know that Texas hasn't gone anywhere even though we've gone through a lot, but we are warriors and won't back off," Robinson said.

Last year the Longhorns made a dramatic comeback in the indoor championships, winning

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Men's team back on track after contending four years ago

By Carrie Crossman Daily Texan Staff

The weekend temperature in Lincoln, Neb. will be in the lower 30s, but the men's track and field team will be looking to turn up the heat in the hunt for the Big 12 Championship Title.

Texas will be competing for their first conference title since 1999 after finishing second to Nebraska last year.

"I'm expecting each person to demonstrate at a very high level what 'Texas Fight' is all about," head coach Bubba Thornton said. "To compete with great emotion, with confidence and [with] a focused attitude that makes their competitors feel like they're going to have a long day. I think it is important when we get to the competition side that each person is there demonstrating that 'Texas Fight' that brings each athlete up to that level.

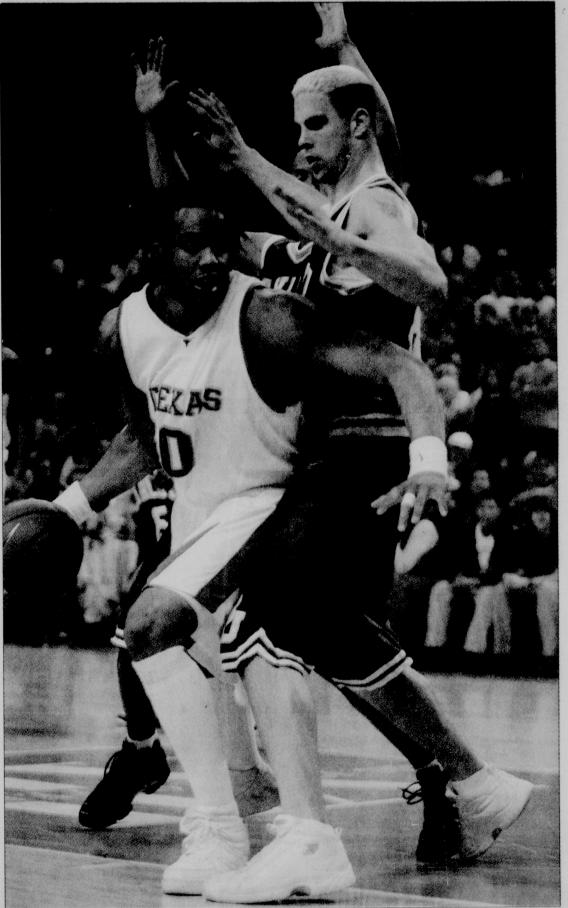
No. 12 Nebraska, Kansas State and Texas will be in the mix to win the title, along with Texas A&M, which is one of seven teams in the country ranked 21st, including fellow Big 12 opponent

"A&M can come in with a strong showing if some of their athletes have a big meet for them," Thornton said. "They haven't done it to this point, but we know they have those athletes, and they have that capability."

In the high jump, the competition will be razor-thin with less than an inch separating four jumpers that share the No. 6 spot

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By Darren W. Dummit Daily Texan Staff one in the Big 12.



Alex Jones/Daily Texan Staff

Junior post James Thomas has played inspired of late, averaging 18 points and 17 rebounds in his last two games. Thomas and the rest of the Longhorns will take on Texas Tech Saturday.

Texas to face off against Bobby Knight and Texas Tech one more time

Life on the road hasn't been easy for the Texas Longhorns. In fact, life on the road hasn't been easy for any-

With the Longhorns' only conference losses coming at Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma State, No. 5 Texas comes into Saturday's game at Texas Tech with a 3-3 record in Big 12 road contests. To demonstrate how difficult winning on the road has become, the top half of the conference has a combined home record of 79-6.

When Oklahoma lost at Missouri on Wednesday, the Longhorns became tied for second in the conference with the Sooners; only a game behind Kansas for the Big 12 regular season title. And with only three games remaining on the schedule, every game now becomes a must-win.

"This time of year, regardless of where you are, you have to play with urgency if you want to be playing your best basketball," Texas head coach Rick Barnes said. "You look at Texas Tech and here's a team fighting for an NCAA Tournament bid, and they've got big home games against us and Kansas coming up.

Though Tech head coach Bob Knight said that his team's tournament hopes were over before last week's loss to Texas, the Red Raiders injected a little life into itself with a dramatic win at Oklahoma State on Monday.

Tech enters Saturday with a 16-8 overall record, but only a 6-7 record in the Big 12. Combo guard Andre Emmett, the Big 12's leading scorer who was benched for Tech's last game against the Longhorns, is now back and playing at the top of his game. Emmett played all 40 minutes against OSU, scoring 30 points, grabbing nine rebounds and dishing out

Senior Nick Valdez, who was also benched against Texas last week, has since left the team. But T.J. Ford and the Texas players are more concerned about themselves than their

'We're getting better every game, and we've still got a lot of room for improvement," Ford said. "The biggest thing is shutting our opponents down better than we're doing

The Longhorns held Baylor to 3-24 from three-point land in Wednesday night's yawner, and James Thomas was responsible for fouling out the opposing center for the second straight game.

Thomas is averaging 18 points and 17 rebounds in the last two games, and Brandon Mouton is averaging 20 points in his last four games. But while the starting five is hitting its collective stride, Barnes had shown concern about his bench after it scored only one basket against Oklahoma State.

Those worries, however, have somewhat subsided after the Baylor game when Brian Boddicker connected for 19 points and Terrell Ross played a significant number of minutes with much more confidence than he had shown the

"I feel better about [the Baylor game] because of the production we got off our bench," Barnes said. "[Terrell] had been playing tentative, playing not to make a mistake. He's a much better player when he plays off his instincts."

With at least two top seeds still up for grabs in the Big Dance, Texas knows that a strong finish would put them in the position they want to be in.

"We're not yet where we want to be," Mouton said. "We want to be No. 1, and right now somebody has our spot."

Marquee schools dominate Texas softball tournament

Longborns go into play with perfect 16-0 record

By Connor Higgins Daily Texan Staff

Three of the biggest names in university athletics are joining the Longhorns at McCombs Field this weekend for the Time Warner Cable Texas Invitational.

Florida, Michigan and North Carolina will visit a Texas squad that was just awarded the No. 2 position in the inaugural ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate top 25 poll. The ranking is the highest position ever enjoyed by the team in its sevenyear history. The Wolverines are 21st in the poll, and Florida just missed the rankings by nine

"All three teams are going to be coming in ready to battle,"

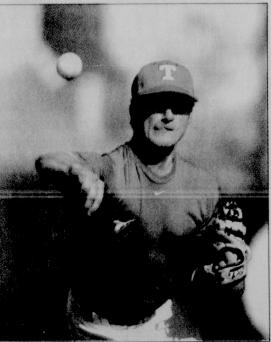
Texas head coach, Connie Clark said. "All three [are] quality opponents, and we're excited to have them in the invitational."

The format of the tournament is round-robin style, where each team plays all contestants once in the first round. The teams are then seeded one-to-four and square off in a semi-final round to determine who will play for the championship.

Preliminary round action begins on Friday afternoon when the Gators face off against the Wolverines at 1 p.m. It concludes at noon on Saturday with Michigan and North Carolina, and the semi-finals follow at 5 and 7 p.m.

The Longhorns begin tournament play with two games on Friday. At 5 p.m. they will face a tested Michigan team (3-5) that has already lost three games in extra innings this year. A matchup against the Tar Heels

No. 6 Horns heading to California



Alex Jones/Daily Texan Staf After being named the College World Series MVP, sophomore Huston Street has gotten off to a slow start, notching just one save in eight appearances.

By Clint Hale Daily Texan Staff

> With inclement weather preventing Tuesday's matchup between Texas and Rice, the Longhorns travel to California this weekend with the hopes that the bad conditions won't follow them.

Texas will be in Fullerton taking part in the Kia Baseball Bash at Goodwin Field — a weekend that will see the Longhorns face three different ballclubs in three days.

Texas received a dose of reality last weekend, dropping two of three games to No. 7 Stanford in falling to 12-3 on the season. The Longhorns outscored the Cardinal 21-20 in the three-game set, but fell five spots to No. 6 in this week's Baseball America and ESPN/Sportsweekly polls.

The Bruins are 8-9 on the year, coming off a 3-0 loss Monday in College Station to No. 16 Texas

Texas' pitching staff may not have too much trouble with UCLA Friday. Of the nine Bruins that have played in more than 10 games, only four post a batting average of .300 or better.

And Texas' lineup, which ranks fifth in the Big 12 with a team batting average of .333, could also

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TEXAS TENNIS

Both Longhorns squads set for upcoming meets

After cancellation, women go on the road to face Notre Dame

By Elizabeth McGarr Daily Texan Staff

Nothing is guaranteed in women's college tennis, and topranked teams are finding that out. Just last weekend, No. 49 Illinois recorded its biggest upset in school history with a 4-3 victory over No. 1 Duke. But back in January, the Fighting Illini lost 6-1 to No. 21 Miami. Where does Texas fit into the picture? Right smack dab in the middle.

Ranked No. 13, the Longhorns (4-1, 4-0) have a schedule as tough as anyone's in the nation and will have faced 11 teams currently ranked in the Top 25 including Miami, No. 1 Florida, and No. 6 Duke — by the end of the regular season.

"Every coach says it — it's a cliché — but the word parity has never applied more accurately to a college sport than it does to women's college tennis right now," Texas head coach Jeff

The Longhorns take on No. 19 Notre Dame (4-5) on Sunday in South Bend, Ind., in their first match in over a week. Texas has won its last four matches, all against Big 12 opponents. Notre Dame is the highest-ranked opponent the Longhorns have faced since losing their home opener to Miami.

Despite the fact that the last four matches have not been as challenging as matches to come, freshman Macey Breece won't dismiss their importance.

"We've sort of gotten our bearings with these last few matches," Breece said. "We've gotten increasingly better and have gained a lot more confidence. I think we are a mentally tougher

The Longhorns' weren't able to play their scheduled match against TCU this past week due to inclement weather, but Moore thinks practice is one of the keys to winning, anyway.

"I'm just pleased with the mode that this team is in right now," Moore said. "They seem determined to get better. You practice more than you play, so practice matters a lot."

The Fighting Irish have dropped their last three, but those losses came at the hands of Duke, No. 10 Tennessee, and, most recently, No. 18 Kentucky.

With five freshmen on a 12member team, 14th-year Notre head coach Louderback finds himself in much the same situation as Texas'

"Our last two matches were both on the road against pretty veteran teams," Louderback said. "We're a lot like Texas. Our kids are getting used to playing on the

Notre Dame has only taken the all-important doubles point once in its last three matches, while Texas has won every doubles point since dropping two doubles matches to Miami.

Texas freshman Kendra Strohm will likely play nationally ranked No. 44 junior Caylan Leslie in the No. 1 singles slot. Texas returns home to take on No. 1 Florida on Wednesday at

Men's team hoping that home cooking solves recent road troubles

By Javier Perez Jr.

Daily Texan Staff

The Texas men's tennis team is returning home this weekend after a tough road trip that took them through Atlanta to face Georgia and Georgia Tech, as well as Louisville, Kentucky for the National Team Indoor Championships. But coming home will not be as big a relief as expected, as Texas will play two dual matches this weekend against Rice on Saturday followed by Minnesota on Sunday.

Texas emerged from the road trip 2-3, beginning with a threematch losing streak and finishing strong at the National Team Indoors. The three losses came against Georgia, Georgia Tech,

"The Georgia weekend was obviously disappointing," coach Michael Center said. "We just didn't play with the consistency that I think we needed to play with and we ended up losing three matches in a row due to that lack of consistency."

Sophomore Roger Gubser had a similar reaction.

"We went to Georgia with expectations that we might get two wins, but we came out with two losses," said Gubser, who did not finish either of his matches in Georgia due to the other teams' clinching victories. "It really gave us a reality check that made us believe we had to bounce back because there was no way that we were going to let

Despite losing their first match the next weekend at the National Team Indoors to Duke, Texas felt like they were on their way back to playing in the same mode that won them top 10 ranking. In a way, the loss to Duke was a positive experience for the team.

this ruin our season.'

"I felt that we played with more of a sense of wanting to get the win as opposed to protecting our rank," Gubser said. "We played the role of aggressor instead of defender, and it's always easier to be the aggressor.'

By the time Texas played San Diego State and USC, the matches were not even close. Texas beat San Diego State 4-1, then proceeded to rout the higher-ranked and defending national champ on USC in a 4-0 showing.

"In our last two matches we improved, played better, and I definitely think we played our best match of the year against USC," coach Center said. "I felt like we were as competitive as we'd been at all nine spots all year long."

Now the team is happy to be home, and they are hoping that Thursday afternoon's weather is indicative of the conditions that they can expect this weekend when they take on Rice and

"I think we have a good team, and we believe in each other, so I think we can come out with a good result," junior All-American Jose Zarhi said. "We're just going to go out there and try to prove

"The schedule is not getting any easier over the weekend, Center said. "This is one of the best teams Rice has ever had, and Minnesota has proven that they are a top 10 team, so I expect two really tough matches this week-

Saturday's match with Rice and Sunday's match against p.m. at the Penick-Allison Center.

Women currently slated at No. 5 in latest rankings

WOMEN, FROM 7

the 4x400-meter relay in the final event to pass Nebraska and secure the conference crown.

This year, thanks in part to a stellar freshman class and a senior class covered with All-American honors, the women have breezed their way to a No. 5 ranking. On paper they should coast to another title, but the Longhorns know what must be done first.

"We still have to work and score and get to the finals," Robinson said. "It's about what you actually do, and right now we've done nothing."

What the Longhorns have done so far this season, though, has

been impressive. They have posted eight automatic qualifiers for National Indoor Championships, and 10 additional provisional times. They have set or tied countless school and track records. And they are well on their way to lighting the Tower with a national championship.

However, most of the records and qualifications are individual achievements that will help in the National Indoor Championships in March. But the conference championship requires more of a team effort to win. Everyone on the team is eligible to score points for the team, making it vital that everyone is prepared.

"Being a senior, I have never

seen the team work this hard to get ready," Robinson said. Everyone has stepped up to their responsibility and is focused."

The women feel that increased depth and team cohesiveness should earn them the Big 12 championship this weekend, fulfilling a team goal since the beginning of the season. It will

"It's a way of giving back to the University and thanking Texas for supporting us, Robinson said.

also fulfill one additional pur-

If the Tower Saturday is lit up orange, their gratitude will be seen all over Austin.

Senior Brown in last indoor meet

MEN, FROM 7

from the top-ranked jumper, Texas Tech's Michael Beasley, in the conference, with the latter jumping at a height of 7-feet-2inches and the former at 7-feet-1-

"I'm pretty nervous about the whole deal, it's just anybody's ballgame right now," junior Nick Talley said. "The competition is going to be really rough. Right now as far as the team competition, it's between us, Kansas State and Nebraska. It's just going to be a toss-up, whoever shows up and does what they're supposed to do will win."

Two weeks ago at the Armory Invitational in New York, Talley jumped a personal best of 7-feet-1-inch, giving him a provisionalqualifying mark for Nationals.

"It was a long time coming. It's great anytime you set a personal record, but I would much rather have done it this weekend at the Big 12 meet where I could help the team get some points," Talley said. "But hopefully I can just repeat that performance and hopefully do a little better to assure the team some points. I want to score and get points for the team to help us win the conference title.

Past that I would like to improve on my mark to make sure that it holds up and gets me to Nationals, but that is kind of a secondary goal."

For senior Tim Brown, the Big 12 meet will be a special time. After nine years of triple jumping, this weekend will be his last indoor meet. Brown will be competing not only in the triple jump but in the long jump as well.

"It's kind of sad. I feel like I'm ready for the end in my mind, but I know that as soon as its over, I'm going to miss it. I'm going to miss the guys, I'm going to miss the competition, everything," Brown said.

This will just be Brown's second time long-jumping, in hopes of having a better chance of scoring, as well as throwing off the competition with his presence.

"I've had a personal record at every conference meet since I was a freshman, and I hope for that because I think we really have a shot for the title, and I really want the guys, including me, to have a championship title because it has been too long, Brown said.

"I hope to go out with a bang."

Horns return to field after week off

SOFTBALL, FROM 7

immediately follows, and Texas closes out its opening round against Florida at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Texas has already won two tournaments this season en route to posting a program-record 16-0 start. On Feb. 9, the Longhorns polished off a 2-1 upset of then-No. 2 Arizona to claim the Fiesta Bowl Tournament in Phoenix, and a week later, Texas swept another five-game set to win the Fastpitch Express College Classic in San Antonio.

Since Wednesday's doubleheader was postponed due to inclement weather, the Longhorns have not played a game in over a week. But despite not taking the field since a Feb. 19 twinbill against UT-San Antonio, Clark is not afraid of possible lapses in concentration.

'It does feel like a long period of time since we played," Clark said. "The team has a good mindset right now, and I think they'll be ready to go. Early on, it will be interesting to see how we go, but I think we'll be pretty fired up and ready to play." The Gators (15-5) enter the

tournament after having an eight-game winning streak snapped by Illinois on Sunday. This is the second trip to the Lone Star state this season for Florida, who earlier dropped three of six in Waco at the Baylor Invitational. The Longhorns and Gators have met three times in the previous six seasons of Texas softball, with the 2-1 edge favoring Florida. The last time the teams met in 2000 the Gators outlasted Texas 5-2 in eight innings at the NCAA Regional Six Championship in Fresno,

In 2000, Michigan blanked the Longhorns 7-0 at the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga. The two also met in the Women's College World Series in 1998, when a then-No. 2 Wolverine squad toppled Texas 7-2. The Longhorns had beaten Michigan earlier that season 2-0.

North Carolina (8-5) and Texas have never faced each other on the diamond. The Tar Heels have rebounded nicely from a 1-3 start and are riding a three-game win streak heading into their trip to Austin.

Texas with opportunity for sweep

THREES, FROM 7

nation in three-point shooting, hitting 40.6 percent of shots from behind the arc.

"When we shoot threes, it makes us difficult to defend," Conradt said.

Although Texas has been lighting it up from the outside, forward Stacy Stephens, a finalist for the Naismith National Player of the Year award, has encountered recent struggles. Stephens shot 4-

12 against Baylor, scoring eight points, and also struggled against Nebraska, scoring well below her average. Without the dominating inside presence of Stephens, Texas will face difficulty against a Texas Tech team that features two forwards in the top 10 in scoring for the Big 12 conference, Jia Perkins and Plenette Pierson.

Although forward Annissa Hastings only played six minutes against Baylor, she will be called on to defend against Perkins inside. Hastings successfully stopped Perkins the first time Texas and Texas Tech met, when Texas upended Tech 69-58 in Austin on Jan. 22.

Another motivating factor for the Longhorns will be the chance to sweep the state of Texas with a win on Sunday. Texas is currently 9-0 against intrastate teams, and a win would mark the first time since 1991 that the Longhorns did not lose to another Texas team in the regular season.

Simmons to face offensively-potent Titans batting .416 in that stretch with 27

BASEBALL, FROM 7

be poised for another standout performance against UCLA.

Of the Bruins' three regular starting pitchers, Casey Janssen's 4.79 earned run average is the lowest of the three.

Omar Quintanilla will be looking to extend his career-best hitting streak to 22 games against UCLA. The junior shortstop is runs scored and 22 runs batted in.

While the Bruins may not pose a huge threat to the Longhorns, Saturday's game against Cal State-Fullerton could be Texas' toughest test of this young season.

The Titans are 11-1 this year and are ranked in the top 10 in the country in several collegiate baseball polls. Cal State-Fullerton will also have the

advantage of playing in its home park, where the team is unde-

feated in six games this season. The Titans should give Texas pitcher Justin Simmons all he can handle in Saturday's contest.

Simmons (2-1, 4.42 ERA) will face a Cal State-Fullerton lineup that has hit 10 home runs and scored 105 runs in just 12 games this year.

While Simmons is considered by some the ace of the Longhorns' staff, the Titans' Ryan Schreppel - who will square off with Simmons Saturday - is undoubtedly the star of Cal State-Fullerton's rotation.

Schreppel has started four games this season, and has won all four decisions, pitching 22 innings with an ERA of 0.82. He has allowed just 13 hits, eight walks and two earned runs in 2003, while striking out 20 batters.

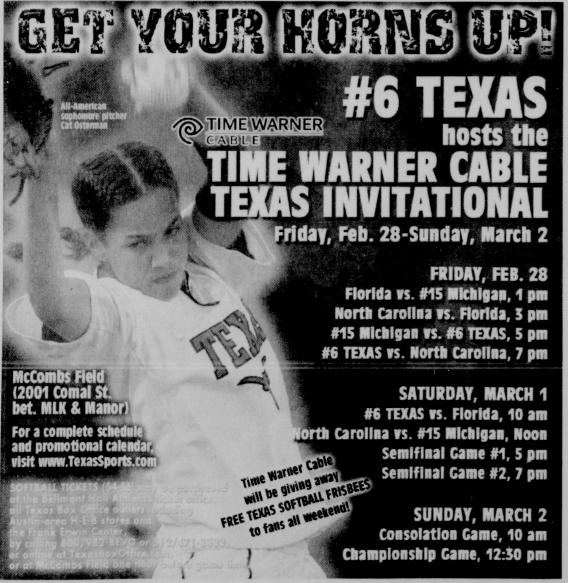
Texas head coach Augie Garrido should have extra incentive to win Saturday's game against the Titans.

Garrido coached at Cal State-Fullerton from 1973-1988, guiding the Titans to a 667-292-6 record and two national championships. He then returned to State-Fullerton in 1991, leading the Titans to a national championship in 1995 before coming to Austin.

The Longhorns round out weekend play with a Sunday afternoon game against Tulane. The Green Wave is currently

9-1 this year, but must face the Titans and Bruins before its weekend against Texas comes to a close. Friday's opener against

UCLA is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., and Saturday's game with the Titans begins at 9 p.m. First pitch for Sunday's game with Tulane is slated for 2 p.m.







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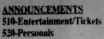
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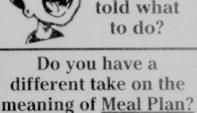
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New Lance Armstrong bikeway approved

By Katherine Sayre Daily Texan Staff

The City Council unanimously passed a resolution Thursday placing the Lance Armstrong Bikeway on Fourth Street, despite opposition from businesses.

The \$3.2 million bikeway, partially funded by federal grants, will run along from U.S. 183 through downtown and end at Lake Austin Boulevard and Veterans Drive. The resolution also provides \$7,500 for installation of protected left-turn traffic signals along Congress Avenue at intersections between Fifth and Tenth streets.

"I think [Fourth Street] is the best way to go and the safest way for cyclists," Councilman Daryl Slusher said. "I don't really think it's going to be damaging to businesses down there."

The major point of debate about the resolution is the location of the bikeway. Many cyclists supported the Fourth

Street location while many business stakeholders in the Warehouse District argued that the bikeway should be located on Third Street, as originally proposed.

Robin Stallings, Austin resident and cyclist, said the new route for bikers will bring in tourism to the Warehouse District and make Fourth Street a more popular place.

"The Lance Armstrong Bikeway will connect all the neighborhoods between I-35, Mopac and 183," Stallings said.

He said while some parking would be lost in the immediate Warehouse District area, there will actually be more parking after construction with new reverse diagonal parking locations in the vicinity.

Some opponents of the bikeway being constructed on Fourth Street argued that parking would be lost, and it would complicate driveway loading for businesses in the area, and the

lanes should be constructed on Third Street.

Greg Schnurr, member of the Board of Directors of the Warehouse District, said businesses have been left out of the decision-making process.

"I think the bikeway, as an east-to-west corridor for bicycle traffic, is a very necessary thing for Austin," Schnurr said. "But this ordinance is a situation where the bicycle guys did not consult the stakeholders ... There's been no due process," adding that the stakeholders will consult an attorney in

search of a recourse. He said the lanes should not be constructed on Fourth Street because there will inevitably be conflicts with delivery trucks. He also said it does not make sense to build it along the street where light rail is planned.

Stallings said no delivery trucks would be hindered if the lanes were built in the center of the street, as built in other cities.

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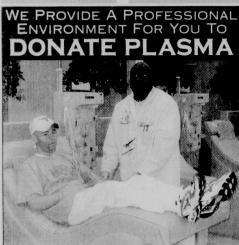
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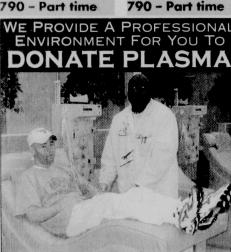
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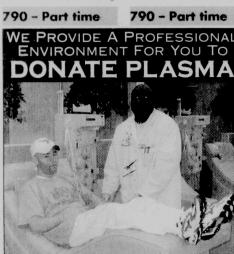
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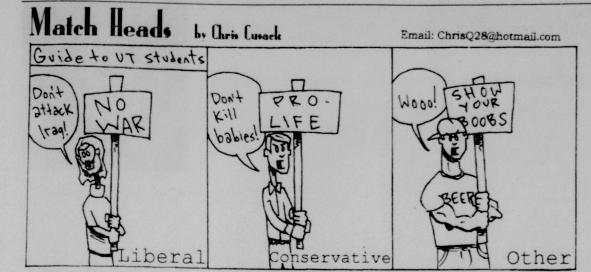
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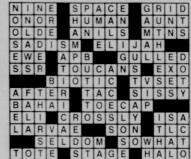
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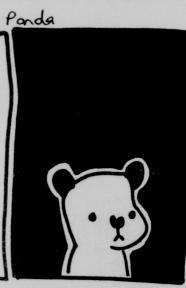








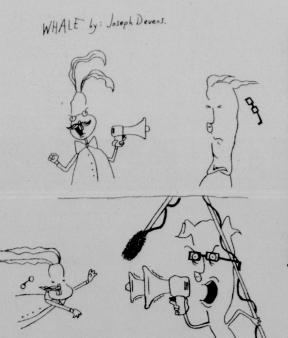






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Mariah Carey, debunking her diva image



Finding identity amid Chaos

Group goes on tour in an effort to part ways with 'local band' label

By James Taylor Daily Texan Staff

Kissing Chaos began as a long-discussed musical idea shared by members of the space-rock outfit Pop Unkown. They were tired of playing artsy pop music and finally felt ready to rock. As guitarist Matt Breedlove said, "We had this going on the side, but not really serious at all. Pop Unknown's singer left, so we decided just to do this and move on.'

Sporting former members of the aforementioned band as well as an ex-member of postpunks Sparta, Kissing Chaos' identity up until this point has largely been guilt by association. Though they can acknowledge the helpfulness of marketing themselves as 'ex-Pop Unknown' early on, the goal now is to establish their own

"It helps [to mention the association]. That's not to say that if you like Pop Unknown Phillips.

you better come check out Kissing Chaos. If you're a huge fan of their style of music, you might get scared away.

"I've always been into hardcore. I had been playing in Pop Unknown for four years and I really missed playing heavier stuff. We just wanted to do something a bit more aggressive and more exciting to play

Both Breedlove and drummer Kevin Fender, the newest addition to the chaotic mix, agree that their hardcore background definitely shows through despite Kissing Chaos' more rock-oriented sound.

The bands' debut EP Enter With a Bullet (Fueled by Ramen) was formally unveiled at the band's CD release party Wednesday night. Kissing Chaos hooked up with the nobudget Florida independent through another Austinite, former Impossibles singer Rory

"We did our demo with Kissing Chaos may be placed Rory," Breedlove said. "He's kind of their man, so he gave Fueled by Ramen our demo and told them they should check us out."

Phillips has long served as a connection between the Florida based label and central Texas' rock scene, helping to get bands like Recover, Slowreader, and Kissing Chaos signed to Fueled by Ramen.

Though reviewers of Kissing Chaos' debut have thrown them into the increasingly popular "emo-core" genre, Breedlove and Fender hope to break out of that categorization as the band progresses. According to the guitar player, "We don't really listen to that stuff. The first songs on the EP, we're really trying to find ourselves. I hope that the next record will hopefully branch away from that genre because I hate getting pigeon-

Regardless of what categories record," Breedlove said.

into, by critics and fans alike, drummer Kevin Fender knows its really simpler than all that. "It's really easy to say, and it still applies: rock and roll," he said. "This is just driving, rocking music.'

After fours years of incessant touring with Pop Unknown, Breedlove thinks that Kissing Chaos definitely shows the maturity gained in those years.

"We made a lot of mistakes in that band, and we know what not to do now. We're trying to do it right this time," Breedlove said. But Kissing Chaos has no plans to abandon that life on the road just yet. Much of the spring and summer months will be spent touring "as much as is financially possible" to increase their "very, very, very, very, very small national fol-

"And in between now and then we're trying to write the

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That essential time on the road, although long and grueling, is important to Kissing Chaos, as they don't want to be stuck with the "local band" label and confined to the limitations that come with it.

"When I think 'local band' I think about bands you see playing Antone's twice a week," Fender said. "I don't want to be in a band that plays every hardcore show that comes through Austin. From an audience member point of view, you always want more variety than that." Breedlove added that Kissing Chaos' goal is to never play in Austin more than "once every four to six weeks.

The formula for Kissing Chaos' success in 2003 seems to be a simple one: rock hard and have fun. Fender said, "I can't put it any more simply — this is just really fun to play. It's a blast playing with these guys. We all get along, and we all have fun.

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'Max' documents the calm before the storm

Everyone is familiar with the many atrocities that Adolf Hitler brought upon the world during his reign over Germany. What is lesser known, however, is the way in which this man led his life during early adulthood — the people he met and the series of events that launched him into the monolithic power that he used in his domination and conquest over Europe.

STARRING: John Cusack, Noah Taylor DIRECTED BY: Menno Meyjes

Max offers a possible explanation of how Hitler came to meet these people and perform these events, all during the quiet before one of the greatest storms of the 20th century. While few real historical and personal facts are known about him during this time period, other than the fact that he was an aspiring artist, the film offers an intriguing speculative story of this flirtation with art and the beginning of his fall from decency and rise to power.

Hitler (Noah Taylor) is a soldier in his late 20s who feels as though he has wasted away a large portion of his youth in the lost causes of World War I and wants to redeem himself by becoming an artist. To help him do this, he befriends art dealer Max Rothman (John Cusack) who tells Hitler that he must delve deeper than simple artistic technique and project his frustrations onto the canvas to find his original and authentic voice. A kind of warped friendship develops between the two of them as Max takes Hitler under his wing - advancing him pay and taking him out to meet girls at a bar. As all of this is going on, Hitler is recruited by the Socialist party to give speeches against the terms of the Treaty of Versailles and toward the cause of anti-Semitism that would serve as one of his primary ramps to

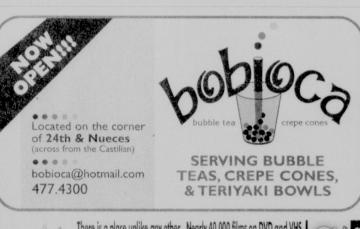
During a large part of the prerelease buzz of this film, many were concerned that Hitler would be portraved as more of an innocent man on the verge of corruption than someone who was evil to begin with - more of a stable human than a brutal monster. While the Hitler seen in Max is not the monster that he eventually became, he is certainly anything but stable. At one point he explains that his distaste for the Jewish people is grounded completely in logic and facts rather than emotion. While this may or may not have actually been the case, the film is far more concerned with tracing a possible path to Hitler's eventual actions than it is with presenting justification for them.

In fact, it doesn't justify Hitler's actions at all - as the credits roll it merely asks audiences to raise the question of what could have happened if Hitler had moved toward traditional art rather than the art of

The primary failing point of the film is that concentration is taken off of Hitler and diverted to Max. While Cusack is anything but boring as Max, he simply doesn't have the material to compete with Taylor's fascinating performance of Hitler, a name commonly thought of as being synonymous with evil, as he begins his descent into madness.

Max acts as a way to view the years leading into one of the darkest times in humanity from a fresh perspective as it demonstrates that the quiet before the storm was perhaps not as quiet as many may have expected it

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